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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Kenneth M. Sundquist.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness that the members of this General Assembly learned of the death of Kenneth M. Sundquist, the father of Governor Don Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, born on May 9, 1909 in Moline, Illinois, Kenneth M. Sundquist was truly the epitome of the concerned citizen, and his lifetime of service to his community can only be categorized as exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sundquist possessed a terrific sense of humor, and he seemed to literally glow with the joy of life; and

WHEREAS, he loved not only his own children and grandchildren, but he also held a special fondness for all children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sundquist took great delight in playing Santa Claus each Christmas, and during the rest of the year, the Sundquist home was a neighborhood attraction for children; and

WHEREAS, he also played the role of a different type of Santa Claus for all seasons, as he was constantly discovering ways for his own children and the neighborhood children to enjoy life, from swing sets and slides to an improvised ice skating rink made by flooding land near his house; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sundquist also greatly enjoyed sports and the great outdoors; he especially loved basketball and fishing; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many endeavors in life, Kenneth M. Sundquist distinguished himself as a loving and compassionate man, who far surpassed his responsibilities as a husband, father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, he walked in harmony with his faith and was truly one of God's people wherever he found himself: whether welding steel or making sure children had a good place in which to learn; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sundquist was one of God's quiet people who undramatically, but competently, showed his friends and neighbors the way to live: the life of love; and

WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Sundquist was a welder for the Minneapolis-Moline Corporation, and he later served as a custodian with the Moline school system; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Louise Rohren Sundquist of Moline, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Governor Sundquist, Kenneth M. Sundquist is also survived by another son, Richard Sundquist of Moline; two daughters-in-law, our First Lady, Martha Sundquist of Nashville and Naomi Sundquist of Moline; and five grandchildren, Tania Williamson, Andrea Jeannet, Becky Sundquist, Deke Sundquist and Rick Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, although he has departed this life for a far better existence, Mr. Sundquist leaves behind a legacy of love and commitment to family and meritorious public service that will be remembered and treasured for many years to come; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby express our sorrow at the death of Kenneth M. Sundquist, while also fondly recalling his life of purpose and compassion for others.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our condolences to his widow, Louise Sundquist, Governor Sundquist and the remainder of the Sundquist family and their many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.